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NEW PROGRAM OF STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING
NOW IN PROCESS OF PREPARATION BY STEWARDSHIP SECRETARY

This Pioneer Project for Officers and Teachers to be Called,
The Stewardship Institute

Pastors and local church Stewardship Committees will find their loads lightened considerably by a forthcoming publication, The Stewardship Institute.

Now being written by Secretary Paul H. Conrad, the Institute will consist of three courses on Christian stewardship, together with devotional and fellowship features. The three outlines are being written with three groups of local church leaders in mind: financial officers, church school faculty, and young people. Each course will consist of five lessons, to be given on five consecutive evenings of one week, or one night a week for five weeks. As planned, the Institute will include an evening program of three periods, as follows:

I. SUPPER PERIOD

6:30 to 7:15 - Supper, and brief devotional program

II. CLINICAL GROUPS

7:20 to 8:10 - Three classes running simultaneously

III. ASSEMBLY

8:20 to 9:00 - Inspirational service, guest speaker

This is the ideal. However, the program can be adapted with ease to a local situation.

The courses will be ready in mimeographed form for experimental use within a few weeks; then, after revision, are to be printed by Judson Press and be available for general use. Make your plans now for utilization of this important book!!

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AN EDITORIAL

The World Emergency Forward Fund should be accepted as the responsibility of stewards for Christ. It is a sharing of an abundance in terms of finances and friendliness, sympathy and prayers. Importunity of human needs was usually the standard that moved Jesus to action as, for instance, the blind man at the pool of Siloam, the beggar on the road to Jericho and the woman who asked for a "crumb." Partners with Christ must have the same answer, the same compassion that He had. It is an appeal which even the noise of battle can not dim. The whole picture of human suffering will not be revealed until the end of the war. But then, it will
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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good news! At least, we think it is -- we hope that you will agree with us.

Starting with this issue of our paper, there will be ten "Stewardship Exchange"s a year instead of six. You will receive a copy a month from now on except for July and August.

While we are announcing, consider this as a reminder to send us your suggestions and news items. We want to publish a real EXCHANGE!

STAFF CHANGE

We are sorry to announce the resignation of our able assistant, Miss Margaret O. Macoskey, from the Stewardship Department. We shall miss her but wish for her a continued success as Assistant to Dr. W. B. Lipphard, Missions magazine editor.

We have been lucky, however, in this time of labor shortage, to secure another good Baptist for this work. Miss Alberta L. Kilmer, who is a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., went "west" to take her B. A. degree at the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill. She then entered the editorial department of The American Baptist Publication Society and now has joined our staff. Miss Kilmer is to pay particular attention to the production of materials.

"QUOTABLE QUOTES"
for your bulletin

"Indolence is a delightful but distressing state; we must be doing something to be happy. Action is no less necessary than thought to the instinctive tendencies of the human frame."
Hazlitt

"Our actions are our own; their consequences belong to Heaven."
St. Francis

Give as you would if an angel
Awaited your gift at the door.
Give as you would if tomorrow
Found you where giving is o'er.

Give as you would to the Master
If you met His loving look.
Give as you would of your substance
If His hand the offering took.

Anonymous

"The 17th chapter of John is often called the Great High Priest's prayer. Read it again, and observe that it is a Steward's prayer."
Selected

"Money is a thermometer that records the temperature of the soul."

"The good steward finds all his work a work of love, for he knows and glories in the gracious character of his Lord and realizes that whatever comes to him is grist for his mill."
Episcopal leaflet on Stewardship

"God helping me, I shall so conserve all my powers of body and soul, and so dedicate my life to purposes high and noble, that I may render the maximum of service to my fellow-men and be content to draw from society a reward that is in keeping with the service I may render."

William Jennings Bryan, to his Bible
Class at a New Year's Day Service.

"Rich is that man who pities many and, in imitation of God, bestows what he hath."
Gregory

IN BRIEF

NEBRASKA BAPTISTS, under the energetic leadership of Dr. William Park, have established a Stewardship Committee for every Association. They are among the first of our states to send in such a list. Congratulations, Nebraska! Now make it a Stewardship Committee in every church!

STEWARDSHIP AS EDUCATION rather than promotion seems to be the idea of many of our states. Maine is the latest to tell us that its Stewardship Committee has been organized as a part of the Christian Education Department.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE are learning about Stewardship through the World Emergency Forward Fund. Many societies are putting on the play, "We'll Carry Through," and are carrying through into their own lives the principles of stewardship embodied therein.

A STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE, for denominational leaders, is being planned for New York headquarters some time in November. It will probably be an afternoon and evening affair, such as was held to the benefit of all concerned, in 1943. Three specific areas of need will be discussed, with particular attention being paid to the question, -- "How can the Stewardship Department be helpful in this situation?" A more detailed report will be given in the "Exchange" for December.

1944 - 1945 IS STEWARDSHIP YEAR according to the United Stewardship Council. An effort is being made to have stewardship as a major emphasis in all denominations this year. In compliance with this request, our own Field Activities Department has decided to ask furloughed missionaries, and other speakers on deputation work throughout the Convention territory, to stress the stewardship aspects of their talks.

Coming soon! Junior Stewardship Sermons -- details later!

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be a more appalling sight than we have even yet suspected. We must brace ourselves for the shock of it and respond to the need at once. Other forces are readying themselves to go in at the earliest possible moment. Christians must be first. Through our World Emergency Forward Fund, Baptists will be in the advance guard.